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Bible Translation

by Karen Stobaugh

Imagine your life without a Bible...

How would the lack of your Bible change your life? Would its absence impact your understanding of God and His ways? Would your knowledge of His truth be limited? How would your growth as a believer be hampered? Would your prayer life be different without meditation on the Word?

How many times do you turn to the Word for comfort? Or reach for its instruction? Does your heart leap when you hear His voice speaking personally to you while reading His Word?

We, who have always had scripture in the language we fluently speak, may have never pondered our own belief in God without the benefit of His Word. What if His love had not been communicated in a way we could easily understand? For many people groups around the world, God remains impersonal because His *Love Letter*, the Bible, is not written in the language of their heart. He remains a God that is still far off.

“For God so loved the world, He sent His one and only Son...” This world-wide love message has not yet been “heard” by all the world’s *whosoEVERS*. Over 5,000 languages are still waiting to know the God who “speaks my language.”

In 2013, when you sit with your Bible on your lap, will you ask:

- God to place Bible-less people on your heart just as they are on His.
- Father to raise-up young people with a desire to complete the work of translation. And for those who have labored for years or decades not to grow weary.
- For both present and future technology to be available as useful tools in the hands of those gifted and trained.
- God to call out those from unreached people groups that will risk working on Bible translation teams.
- The Body of Christ to be committed to see the task completed by giving prayer and financial support until all can say, “God speaks my language.”
- God’s favor on ministries that are dedicated to the task. Ask for His spirit of unity to bring cooperation, for great wisdom as they seek to solve language difficulties.



ASK National Prayer Call Invitation

The first Saturday evening of every month is a wonderful time of praying with your fellow USA ASKers. Beginning at 10 PM EST, we share the joy of bringing our petitions before the Lord! From east coast to west coast, north to south each participant adds a dimension in covering the nation and asking in one accord.

Look for the e-mail invitation. In it you will find: a Scripture on which to meditate before the call, a prayer target, and the conference call # with access code.

We begin each call celebrating communion, so be prepared with your elements. Using our Scripture meditations we then invite Holy Spirit to lead our prayer.

Come, join in and grow in relationship to our Lord and one another!

2013 ASK DAYS

To gather our ASK Network-USA family and others to worship, meditate on God's Word, and pray through ASK-ing. ASK Days will be Saturday from 9-2 pm* with lunch following and then a leadership training session from 3-5 pm*.

*starting times may vary—please check local listings at www.asknetworkusa.net

March 2nd—Arkansas

April 13th—California

April 20th—Washington St.

September 14th—Illinois

October 5th—Ohio

October 26th—Georgia

ASKing POINT

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January/February: ASKing for the Church—Overview of ASK Network International 2013